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Statement by Appropriations Chair Denise Grimsley on Governor Scott Signing the 2011-2012 Budget

Sebring, Fla. – State Representative Denise Grimsley (R-Sebring), chair of the House Appropriations Committee, today released the following statement regarding Governor Rick Scott signing the 2011-2012 General Appropriations Act into law.

"Facing the most difficult budget year in recent history, lawmakers did not waiver in their resolve to produce a realistic and responsible budget that offers achievable cuts in order to prioritize the critical needs of our state.

"From the onset of the 2011 Legislative Session, it was our top priority to achieve necessary spending reductions to fill the \$4.6 billion budget shortfall, without raising taxes or fees on hardworking Floridians. With Governor Scott's signature today, I am happy to report that we have accomplished that goal.

"While the decisions we were forced to make were often not easy, they were necessary to achieve a fiscally sound, balanced budget for the State of Florida."

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